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COLOMBIA.

*Report from Bocas del Toro—Fruit port.*BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *July 14, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the report for the week ended July 14. The following vessels have been inspected and cleared: July 11, steamship *Barnstable*, Higgins; crew, 29; passengers, 1; baggage, 2 pieces; Baltimore. July 14, steamship *Bodo*, Johannessen; crew, 16; passengers, 2; baggage, 2 pieces; Mobile; steamship *Foxhall*, Larson; crew, 26; no passengers; Philadelphia; steamship *Yumuri*, Boe; crew, 16; passenger, 1; baggage, 2 pieces; Mobile.

The usual sanitary conditions prevail here in Bocas and vicinity, there being little sickness beyond the usual number of cases of malarial fever. The weather conditions for the past month have been agreeable, steady northeast winds prevailing during the day and cool westerly winds during the night. A private record shows a maximum temperature of 91° and a minimum of 79° F. during the past three months. No deaths have been reported to me during the week.

Passenger traffic with Colon has been light during the past two weeks.

It occurs occasionally that vessels arrive here from Northern ports that have been trading in Jamaican and Cuban ports, with the intention of clearing for Mobile or New Orleans. Such as are not provided with certificates of disinfection since the last voyage to a tropical port I have not permitted to clear for Gulf ports and therefore they have all cleared for Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

HERMAN B. MOHR,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.**Yellow fever at Bocas del Toro.*

[Cablegram.]

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, *July 26, 1900.*

From Bocas 2 cases yellow fever; 1 death. Necropsy confirms diagnosis.

MOHR.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.**Two more cases of yellow fever at Bocas del Toro.*

[Cablegram.]

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, *July 31, 1900.*

Bocas 2 new cases of yellow fever.

MOHR.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.**Yellow fever among the troops in Cartegena.*CARTAGENA, *July 2, 1900.*

SIR: I have to inform you that during the month ended June 30, there have occurred, among the troops arrived from the interior, quartered in this city, 16 cases of yellow fever.

I have not written to Colon to communicate this information by cable, not considering the disease of an epidemic character, from the fact that

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it has been confined to the soldiery, who are from a permanent cold climate in the interior, and are usually liable to the disease upon reaching the coast and living exposed to sun and rain with very poor nourishment. Thus far, only one foreigner has been attacked by the disease; not another case has taken place among the inhabitants.

In my weekly sanitary reports to the Secretary of the Treasury I have entered these cases of yellow fever, also on all the bills of health issued at this consulate. Should the disease assume an epidemic character in the city I shall cable via Colon, there being no cable communication from here at present.

Respectfully,

AUG. T. HAMABERGH,
Assistant Consul.

HON. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

NOTE.—I am now informed that the troops from the interior have gone out of the city and made their quarters at La Ropa Hill, which is 540 feet high and 1 mile out. H.

No yellow fever in Colon.

[Cablegrams.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 30, 1900.

Wire yellow fever conditions.

WYMAN,
Surgeon General.

UNITED STATES CONSUL, Colon, Colombia.

COLON, COLOMBIA, July 30, 1900.

No yellow fever here.

COBBS.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

COSTA RICA.

Reports from Port Limon—Fruit port—Further concerning a suspicious case of fever.

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, July 19, 1900.

SIR: On June 17 I cabled you the following: "Woods reports State board, New Orleans, La., 1 case yellow and 1 suspicious. Drs Carson, Steggall, Aguilar, and myself disagree with Woods."

My attention was first called to this case July 14. I should have cabled earlier, but knew that Dr. Carson was due in Port Limon the morning of July 16 on his way to Bluefields and I was particularly anxious that he should see the case before I cabled. Before his arrival Drs. Steggall and Aguilar had agreed with me that this was not a case of yellow fever. Upon Dr. Carson's arrival he also confirmed my diagnosis. Inclosed find patient's past and present history, also a chart of his illness. This chart, I am sorry to say, does not go into details as it should. It is taken from the Government Hospital report. This patient is employed by the Government at Port Limon. Was taken ill in the second story of the Government building, where he resides.

My reasons for disagreeing with Dr. Woods (of Louisiana State board of health), are as follows:

History of 3 (at least) distinct exacerbations of temperature. Hæmoglobinuria with early jaundice. Pulse never less than 100. No more